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AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply are filed concurrently with a **Request for Continued Examination** in the above-noted U.S. patent application. In satisfaction of the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, kindly enter the following amendments and remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 8, 2008, in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification are shown on **page 2** of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on **page 3** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 6** of this paper.

A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Reply, RCE and RCE fee. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 227497/2002.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.